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Subject to the Examiner's approval, please amend Figs. 4B and 8C of the drawings in the above-identified patent application as shown in red ink on the attached sheets.

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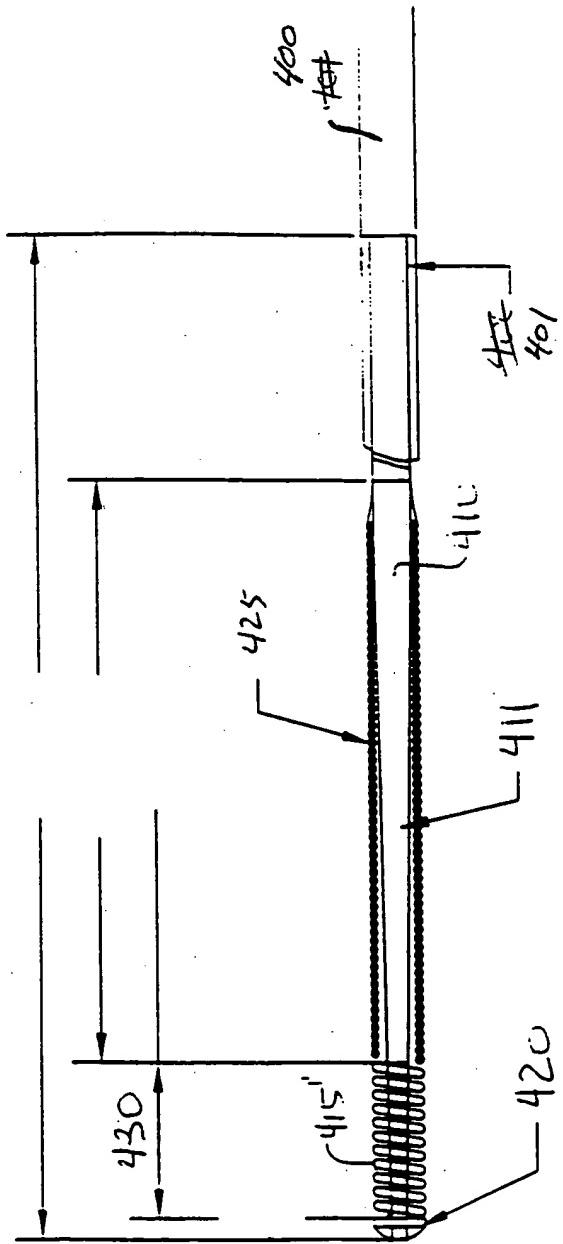
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FIG. 8B

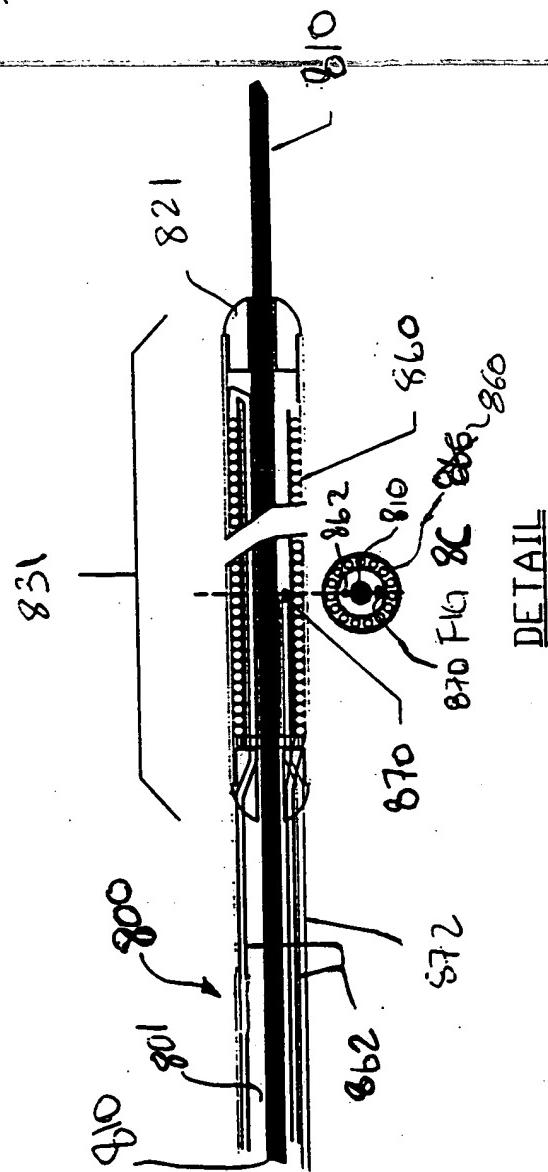


FIG. 8A

